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Multipole Expansion (cont'd)

$\rho(\vec{x})$

$$\Phi(\vec{x}) = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-\ell}^{\ell} \frac{1}{2\ell+1} \frac{q_{\ell m}}{r^{\ell+1}} Y_{\ell m}(\theta, \varphi)$$

where the multipole moments are

$$q_{\ell m} \equiv \int d^3x' \rho(\vec{x}') (r')^{\ell} Y_{\ell m}^*(\theta', \varphi')$$

We worked out the 1st few moments:

$$q_{00} = \frac{q}{\sqrt{4\pi}}$$

$$q_{1,\pm 1} = \mp \sqrt{\frac{3}{8\pi}} (p_x \mp ip_y)$$

$$q_{1,0} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{4\pi}} p_z$$

where

$$\vec{p} = \int d^3x \rho(\vec{x}) \vec{x}'$$

electric dipole
moment (EDM)

q_{2m} 's are expressed in terms of

$$Q_{ij} = \int d^3x \rho(\vec{x}) [3x_i x_j - r^2 \delta_{ij}]$$

quadrupole moments

$$\Phi(\vec{x}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[\frac{q}{r} + \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{r}}{r^3} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} Q_{ij} \frac{r_i r_j}{r^5} + \dots \right]$$



$$= \frac{1}{12} \sqrt{\frac{15}{2\pi}} (Q_{11} - 2iQ_{12} - Q_{22})$$

where we've defined (traceless) quadrupole moment tensor

$$Q_{ij} = \int d^3x' \rho(\vec{x}') [3x'_i x'_j - r'^2 \delta_{ij}]$$

By analogy, $Y_{21} = -\sqrt{\frac{15}{8\pi}} \sin\theta \cos\theta e^{i\varphi} =$

$$= -\sqrt{\frac{15}{8\pi}} \frac{z}{r^2} (x + iy) \Rightarrow g_{21} = -\sqrt{\frac{15}{8\pi}} \int d^3x' \rho(\vec{x}') \cdot z' (x' - iy')$$

$$= -\frac{1}{3} \sqrt{\frac{15}{8\pi}} (Q_{13} - iQ_{23})$$

One can also show that $g_{20} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{5}{4\pi}} Q_{33}$.

As $Y_{\ell, -m}(\theta, \varphi) = (-1)^m Y_{\ell m}^*(\theta, \varphi) \Rightarrow g_{\ell, -m} = (-1)^m g_{\ell m}^*$

can use to obtain other $g_{\ell, -m}$'s.

Using the found multipole moments we get

$$\Phi(\vec{x}) = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \frac{q_{00}}{r} Y_{00} + \frac{1}{3\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{r^2} (g_{11} Y_{11} + g_{10} Y_{10} + g_{1,-1} Y_{1,-1})$$

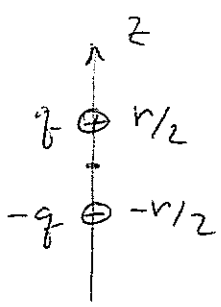
$$+ \dots = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r} + \frac{1}{3\epsilon_0} \frac{z}{8\pi} \frac{1}{r^2} \left((p_x - ip_y) \frac{x+iy}{r} + (p_x + ip_y) \frac{x-iy}{r} + 2p_z \frac{z}{r} \right) + \dots \Rightarrow$$

$$\Phi(\vec{x}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[\frac{q}{r} + \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{x}}{r^3} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} Q_{ij} \frac{x_i x_j}{r^5} + \dots \right]$$

can also be derived.

Examples:

dipole: $q=0$.



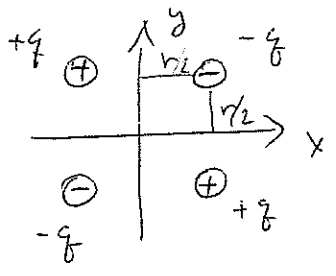
$$\vec{p} = q \frac{\vec{r}}{2} - (-q) \left(-\frac{\vec{r}}{2}\right) = q \vec{r} \text{ von.}$$

$$Q_{zz} = 3\left(\frac{r}{2}\right)^2 q - 3\left(\frac{r}{2}\right)^2 q - \left(\frac{r}{2}\right)^2 q + \left(\frac{r}{2}\right)^2 q = 0$$

all $Q_{ij} = 0, \dots$

quadrupole:

$q=0$



$$\Rightarrow \vec{p} = 0$$

$$Q_{xx} = -q \cdot \left(3\left(\frac{r}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{r^2}{2}\right) \cdot 2 + 2q \cdot \left(3\left(\frac{r}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{r^2}{2}\right) = 0$$

$$Q_{xy} = -q \cdot 3\left(\frac{r}{2}\right)^2 \cdot 2 + q \cdot 3\left(\frac{r}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{r}{2}\right) \cdot 2 = -3q r^2 \neq 0.$$

$$Q_{yy} = 0. \quad Q_{zz} = 0, \dots$$

non-zero quadrupole moment.

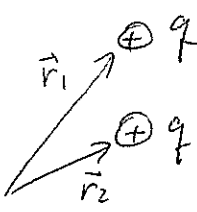
If we know Φ , we know $\vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla} \Phi \Rightarrow$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[\frac{q}{r^3} \vec{r} + \frac{3\hat{n}(\vec{p} \cdot \hat{n}) - \vec{p}}{r^3} + \dots \right]$$

dipole's electric field

$$\hat{n} = \frac{\vec{r}}{r}$$

all, but the lowest non-vanishing multipole moments (170)
depend on the choice of origin!

e.g.  $q_{00} = \frac{2q}{\sqrt{4\pi}} \neq 0$
 $q_{1m} \rightarrow \vec{p} = q\vec{r}_1 + q\vec{r}_2$ \sim depends on origin
 etc.

However, we've been a bit sloppy: for a dipole

$$\Phi(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{r}}{r^3} = \frac{-1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \vec{p} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \frac{1}{r} = -\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_j p_j \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \frac{1}{r}$$

Start by regularizing $\frac{1}{r} \stackrel{\epsilon \rightarrow 0}{=} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + \epsilon^2}}$

$$E_i = + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \Phi = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} p_j \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + \epsilon^2}} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} p_j \cdot$$

$$\left[\frac{3x_i x_j}{(r^2 + \epsilon^2)^{5/2}} - \frac{\delta_{ij}}{(r^2 + \epsilon^2)^{3/2}} \right] = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} p_j \frac{3x_i x_j - \delta_{ij}(r^2 + \epsilon^2)}{(r^2 + \epsilon^2)^{5/2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{3x_i \vec{p} \cdot \vec{r} - p_i r^2}{r^5} - \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} p_i \underbrace{\frac{\epsilon^2}{(r^2 + \epsilon^2)^{5/2}}}_{\delta_\epsilon(r)}$$

(i) $r \neq 0, \epsilon \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \delta_\epsilon \rightarrow 0$

(ii) $r = 0, \epsilon \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \delta_\epsilon(0) = \infty$

$$(iii) \int d^3r \frac{\epsilon^2}{(r^2 + \epsilon^2)^{5/2}} = 4\pi \int_0^\infty dr \cdot r^2 \frac{\epsilon^2}{(r^2 + \epsilon^2)^{5/2}} = \int \vec{r} = \frac{r}{\epsilon}$$

$$= 4\pi \int_0^\infty d\tilde{r} \frac{\tilde{r}^2}{(1+\tilde{r}^2)^{5/2}} = \frac{4\pi}{3} \Rightarrow \delta_\epsilon(r) \xrightarrow{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{4\pi}{3} \delta^3(\vec{r}) \quad (171)$$

\Rightarrow field of a dipole is, in fact:

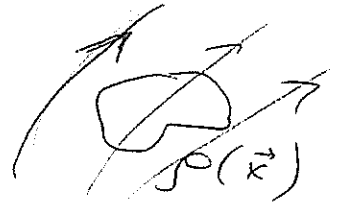
$$\vec{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[\frac{3\vec{r}(\vec{p}\cdot\vec{r}) - \vec{p}r^2}{r^5} - \frac{4\pi}{3} \vec{p} \delta^3(\vec{r}) \right]$$

part known from undergraduate EoM new piece.
makes $\int d^3x \vec{E}$ finite.

Electrostatic energy \sim multipole expansion

put our system of charges in external

field $\Phi(\vec{x})$: potential energy



will be

$$W = \int d^3x \rho(\vec{x}) \Phi(\vec{x})$$

Suppose $\Phi(\vec{x})$ is slowly varying \Rightarrow expand

$$\Phi(\vec{x}) \approx \Phi(0) + \vec{x} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \Phi(0) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} x_i x_j \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}(0) + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{as } \vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla} \Phi \text{ and as } \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = -\nabla^2 \Phi = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \rho_{\text{ext}} = 0$$

in absence of external charges \Rightarrow

$$\Phi(\vec{x}) \approx \Phi(0) - \vec{x} \cdot \vec{E} - \frac{1}{6} \sum_{i,j} \left(3x_i x_j - r^2 \delta_{ij} \right) \frac{\partial E_j}{\partial x_i}(0) + \dots$$

added a zero
since $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = 0$

Therefore,

(172)

$$W = q \Phi(0) - \vec{p} \cdot \vec{E} - \frac{1}{6} \sum_{i,j} Q_{ij} \frac{\partial E_j}{\partial x_i}(0) + \dots$$

Dielectrics.

Suppose we have two types of charges:

"free charges" and "bound charges".

The potential is then the sum of potentials of free and bound charges: $\Phi = \Phi_{\text{free}} + \Phi_{\text{bound}}$

$$\Phi_{\text{free}}(\vec{x}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int d^3x' \frac{\rho_f(\vec{x}')}{|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|}$$

Bound charges give charge-neutral media (e^- & p in the atoms & molecules). The dominant multipole is dipole. (It's easy to polarize a molecule.) Potential of a point dipole \vec{p} is (at \vec{x}')

$$\Phi(\vec{x}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\vec{p} \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{x}')}{|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|^3}$$

(Def.) Defining polarization $\vec{P}(\vec{x})$ as dipole moment per unit volume, we write

$$\Phi_{\text{bound}}(\vec{x}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_V d^3x' \frac{\vec{P}(\vec{x}') \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{x}')}{|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|^3} \quad (173)$$

where V is the region containing polarization \vec{P} .

$$\text{As } \frac{\vec{x} - \vec{x}'}{|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|^3} = \vec{\nabla}' \frac{1}{|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|} \Rightarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{\text{bound}}(\vec{x}) &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int d^3x' \vec{P}(\vec{x}') \cdot \vec{\nabla}' \frac{1}{|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|} = (\text{parts}) \\ &= -\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int d^3x' \frac{1}{|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|} \cdot \vec{\nabla}' \cdot \vec{P}(\vec{x}') \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Finally, } \Phi(\vec{x}) = \Phi_{\text{free}}(\vec{x}) + \Phi_{\text{bound}}(\vec{x}) =$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int d^3x' \frac{1}{|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|} [\rho_f(\vec{x}') - \vec{\nabla}' \cdot \vec{P}(\vec{x}')] \right) = \Phi(\vec{x})$$

given ρ_f & $\vec{P}(\vec{x}) \Rightarrow$ get Φ .

\Rightarrow There seems to be two components to total

$$\text{charge density: } \rho_{\text{tot}} = \rho_f - \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{P}$$

$$\text{Now, } \vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla} \Phi \Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = 0} \quad \text{true in dielectrics}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = -\nabla^2 \Phi = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} [\rho_f(\vec{x}) - \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{P}(\vec{x})]$$

$$\text{as } \nabla^2 \frac{1}{|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|} = -4\pi \delta^3(\vec{x} - \vec{x}')$$